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I think the Microsoft settlement does not go far enough. The stranglehold of Microsoft on innovation in this country has stifled any opportunity for real competition until they are a defacto standard in the workplace. Nothing that I have sen in the settlement actually addresses this issue. If it doesn't work on Windows it doesn't get produced. Even Apple has been unable or unwilling to fight Microsoft because of the money and power they wield not only in the marketplace but in the schools, governments, and other businesses.

By using their marketing expertise and their fiduciary clout they have either weakened or destroyed any real competition in browser software, operating systems, and office software. They are even trying to stifle complaints by adding conditions to their licensing. That is the action of a company that is afriad of dissent and willing to do anything to control it -- actions that only a monopoly would even attempt.

Please keep Microsoft from running an entire industry! They are even trying to get into the hardware side with their X-box machine. Thanks for listening.

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